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Lomita Man Charged with Elder Abuse, Strangling Father

A 35-year-old man was charged today with assaulting and strangling his 78-year-old father this past weekend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Anthony Joseph Dileva (dob 12/31/80) of Lomita faces one count each of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and elder or dependent adult abuse in case YA093650.

Arraignment for Dileva is scheduled today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

Dileva is accused of strangling and shaking his elderly father on Jan. 24, during an argument about the defendant's room.

Prosecutors are requesting \$50,000 bail for the defendant.

If convicted as charged, Dileva faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lomita Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.